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TV Program

FIRST ACCURATE ANALYSIS OF NATURE OF 'FLYING SAUCERS,' MADE ALMOST A YEAR AGO BY SCIENTIST ON BEN GRAUER SHOW

The disclosure this week, by the Navy Department, of the true nature of "flying saucers," brought claims of a "first" from NBC's moderator-master-of-ceremonies-newscaster, Ben Grauer: An amazingly accurate analysis of the make-up of a flying disc was offered to Grauer's viewers on a television program as early as Tuesday, May 16, 1950 by guest Willy Ley. A scientist-author, rocket specialist and researcher, Ley was asked by Grauer at that time for his conception of the facts behind the then-popular flying discs. Ley spoke of three theories then current and contradictory:

1. They were from another planet.
2. They were from Russia.
3. They were American planes of a revolutionary design.

"But I have a fourth theory," added Ley in a heavy Teutonic accent," and I like it best because it's my own... Every day weather bureaus send up balloons with meteorological instruments. One balloon carries one instrument. Now, imagine this is a giant balloon, floating up ten miles, traveling about 200 miles an hour or even faster. That's what they think is a flying saucer."

Ley further explained that aviators who chased flying saucers couldn't ever catch them because what they actually were seeing was the shadow of the balloons, cast upon clouds below them. The only point in which Ley's analysis differed with that offered by the Navy. was that the latter claimed people were actually seeing the under-surface of the balloons, illuminated by the rays of the setting sun.

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(NBC-TV - Feb. 15, 1951)

March 18, 1951: Los Angeles Times

"INDIA PILOT SEES ~~LATEST THING IN FLYING SAUCERS~~ CIGAR-SHAPED SAUCER"

New Delhi, India, March 17(AP) O.B. Varma, a pilot in the Delhi Flying Club, told of seeing a cigar-shaped saucer 100 feet long skimming overhead "at the terrible speed of nearly 2000 miles per hour." "It was nearly 5000 feet up," Varma said,"and made no sound." Varma said 20 fellow Indian pilots also noticed the sudden appearance of a "white streak" approaching from the north and headed by a cigar-shaped projectile. The object went in a straight line, he said, then began making loops and disappeared in a southwesterly direction.

May 19 1951

IOWA HAS A FIELD DAY

Rev Milton Nothdurft, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Maquoketa, Ia., reported that two saucers were seen this day from 10:20 to 10:45 P.M. The next night an operator of the state police radio reported another saucer in approximately the same area. Station WMT at Cedar Rapids reported that two saucers took off in a blinding flash May 22 in broad daylight near Coggan.

May 19, 1951

May 19, 10:20-10:45 p.m -- Saucer seen west-northwest of Maquoketa, Iowa, dropping toward the horiaon, Color white. Chief operator at state police radio, off duty, had seen it. Calledman who was on duty at the time, Jim Wheeler. He saw it plainly. It hovered, but seemed to him to be an orange or dull red. As he watched, a second one, very white, came from the north, slightly lower , and on nearing the first, came up to its altitude. Both disappeared soon afterward.

May 20, 1951, Maquoteketa , Iowa.

May 20th, eveining. -- Sweeter, on duty at state police radio, say a moving light, west-northwest, but having been a recent newcomer among saucer enthusiasts hesitated to say anything more.

May 22, 1951 International Falls, Minnesota.

STRANGE OBJECT SEEN IN MINNESOTA SKY

UP -- A strange object that looked like a crystal ball darted about the sky over Rainy Lake"just like a humming bird" residents of the area reported today.

Witnesses said the object streaked across the eastern end of the lake with a tremendous burst of speed,stopped suddenly and hung apparently motionless in the sky for several minutes.

May 22nd, 1951 Maquoketa, Iowa

May 22 -- daylight -- high school students reported seeing a saucer "take off" in a blinding flash of speed, near Coggan Iowa "north of Cedar Rapids, west-northwest, of Maquoketa.

May 23, 1951 Kansas City Times Kansas City, Mo.

DANCE IN K C SKY PILOT SEES STAR GO THROUGH GYRATIONS

Chicago, May 22 AP -- An American Airlines pilot said today he saw what appeared to be a bluish white star moving back and forth at high speed in the Southwest today. Capt W R Hunt said the saw the object about 100 miles south of Dodge City today. The object traveled at from 500 to 1000 mph and seemed to be playing tag with the airplane. Hunt watched the object for about 20 minutes before it descended to four or three thousand feet below the plane and disappeared into the southwest.

May 23, 1951 Maquoketa, Iowa.

A letter brought Bill Roberts of WMT, Cedar Rapids news bureau on a 60-mile drive on the 23rd, to investigate our sightings.. He had watched the stories since 1947. He mentioned that the mysterious phenomena had been seen by quite a few people on a lake near International Falls, and that a pilot in Kansas had also reported one(strange, moving light) -- after several months of silence on the news wires (he watches releases from three major news services).

May 31, 1951 2:00 or 2:30 a.m. Galesburg, Ill.

City police (south of here) heard on short wave talking to Monmouth, Illinois, city police about a strange moving light moving toward the northwest (they were trying to get the others to see if it was observable from there, but evidently it was not.

June 6, 1951 Lynchburg, Va.

HIS HOBBY THOSE FLYING OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOS

George Fawcett, a Mount Airy, N. C. senior at L.C. has been a collector of information on flying saucers since 1947. He was crossing the campus on the morning of June 6, when he saw an orange colored disk high in the sky. He reports the disk zig-zagged, then setteled down to a straight course and moved off to the West.

June 1951 Adelaide, Australia

Roger Shinkfield of 49 Magill Road, St. Peters, Adelaide sighted a white circular object directly overhead and traverling South which took 7 seconds to reach the horizan. He estimated the height to be between 20,000 and 30,000 feet. No sound could be heard.

June 19, 1951   The Oregonian, Portland, Oregon

'OBJECT IN SKY DRAWS ATTENTION

A glowing object moving across the heavens had late-strolling Portlanders abuzz with curiousity. Several persons who saw the thing about 11pm described it as a long streak of light traveling slowly from east to west. Some said it resembled a meteor, except that it was traveling too slowly. One man said it was followed by a trail of white smoke.

July 8, 1951: Chicago Sun-Times

"FEAR, FARCE, AND FICTION

In three words, this is the story told in approximately 2,000 by Keith Wheeler who seems to enjoy debunking disputers. "It comes as no special surprise to hear sober people reporting as reliable fact the details of marauders from outer space. By and large, Scully appears to have struck pay dirt in a motherlode of fantasy which has been worked profitably for centuries. The legend of invasion from space is older than literature. At last reports Scully made so much money out of his book that he had more reason than most people to fear an invasion from outer space."

* possible mention that you will appear on television if necessary like "NIXON" to show the contrary

1 July 1951: Column by Matt Weinstock in Los Angeles Times

ROWBOATS IN THE SKY

A man we know, a skeptic by the way, observed a strange object while sitting on the patio of his home near LaBrea and Adams, Los Angeles, Saturday night(June 29th) at 7:20 p.m. Its estimated height was 5,000 feet. Several friends were present one of whom observed it through binoculars. It looked like the bottom of a rowboat, except it was a perfect elipse with a ring of red lights around the edges. In about five minutes the object shot up at a tremendous speed and disappeared.

SAUCER SIGHTING

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July 6, 1951 app 8;45 P.M.

On the evening of July 6, after having had dinner out, Mr and Mrs Si Newton came home with us. Mrs Newton and I decided to go out in the garden for some evening air, and sat down on the slope overlooking Hollywood and Los Angeles. We were just chattering along, when suddenly it seemed to me I was aware of a red ball in the sky, in a southwesternly direction. I called Sharon's attention to it, asking if she were in the habit of seeing stars that big, and that red. We both agreed it was much too big for a star, and much too red. It stood still. The sky was very clear, we saw other stars, and we also saw the airplane warning lights on top of some radio towers in that direction, but lower down. We didn't guess what it was, we were deducting what it wasn't. Suddenly it disappeared. Then one little flash of light again. Just as if a switch had been turned off, turned on and off immediately.again. Then it dawned on us, could it be ? Yes it could definitely be a flying saucer. Anyway, papers reported on it from here to Detroit the next day.

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July 6, 1951 Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia

George Fawcett, '52, of Lynchburg College, saucer enthusiast since 1947 sighted an orange luminous disc over the Administration Building, Westover Campus of Lynchburg College today. The time was 8:25 a.m. At 8:29 a.m. it took off for the West. The sun was over George's left shoulder at the time. Fawcett reported that "it made no sound, no motor was heard, neither exhaust nor vapor streams following behind. I can't estimate the size or speed of the object, as I'm not much of a judge on these things."

July 17 1951 Los Angeles Examiner Los Angeles, California

BALL OF FIRE HIES ACROSS L A SKIES

Police last night received dozens of telephone calls from persons reporting a "ball of red fire" moving across the southwestern skies. The object was said to be traveling low on the horizon in an eratic fashion and was visible for about 10 minutes. Griffith Park Observatory said it had no explanation other than that the object may have been an airplane with flashing lights, or be the planet Venus. (This phenomenon witnessed by Sharon Newton and Alice Scully)

July I9, I95I Dayton Ohio

A fireball was seen over Dayton, hovering in midair It seemed to have two powerfull beams of light streaming down from the underside.

July 22, 1951 Jolin S. Sarick, 18 Clare St., Buffalo 10, N.Y.

About 4 years ago at twilight I saw twoin lights coming down and when I saw them they were already quite close to the ground. They were steady and the color was blue or green. The lights seemed about a mile away and in the direction of our airport which is 7 mi. away. We have never seen any lights from airplanes coming down or going up from the airport.

7/24/51 Judy Rayles 5824 E.12, Kansas City, 3, Mo.

Sighting: June 17 we watched a luminous ball in the west just at dusk which was visible over one hour. It moved up and down and to the North and South at a slow cruising speed. When it disappeared it raced across the sky at an astonishing speed.

Sighting: June 20 it appeared again, visible at 10P.M. nearly in the center of the sky. There were unusually heavy storm clouds, no stars visible. This swung in and out of the clouds, sometimes slowly and sometimes it would streak thru a cloud leaving a brilliant orange red glow behind, rather like a vapor trail. The ball itself burned with a luminous greenish glow, about the color of burning sulphur.

Sighting: June 28 we saw a triangular shape cruising at a high rate of speed--visible only from 8:45 to 9:45--flew all around K.C. Mo. and North K.C.--there was no sound of a motor, but, as it passed directly over us we could detect a faint hum. There was ared, green and a white light in this arrangement. Red o o green
o white

We could see the lights very distinctly but no frame connecting any of them, only a brilliant flash passing between them now and then. The altitude couldn't have been over 5000' and we heard motors of planes over the K.C. airport. Incidentally, these lights followed 3 planes, behind and slightly above, almost like a convoy of fighter planes would. If there were 3 they never broke formation. The maneuvers were breath taking. They simply stopped and reversed to change direction.

Sighting: June 29, at twilight we saw 2 long black tubes suspended in the sky (clear). The tubes were just west of dead center at a diagonal angle, visible for 28 mi. and then vanished.

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APS Make notes on visits of Harold Sherman, approximating their time.

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Pictorial Astronomy — particularly watching any references to magnetic forces

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1000 words.

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Write Dean Schaeffer (A.P.S.) suggesting Richard W if he can't send stuff) OK did

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bolts at academic scientists — particulary
astronomers.

Read Thoughts Through Space for ✓ HB
anything touching on the problem
of communication from Elsewhere

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the Sightings from 1939 & 1952

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September 6, 1951: THE Matador Tribune

"SMALL PAPER, BIG NEWS---SAUCER"

Matador, Tex. Sep 6---Three generations of the Tilson family saw a wingless, propellerless object shaped like a helicopter cross State Highway 70 almost directly in front of their car, ~~uttering~~ making no sound as it passed. It was not more than 200 feet away. Then it circled over a field, headed northeast, rapidly gaining altitude and soon was only a speck in the sky.

September 11, 1951: Trenton Evening New s

"JETS CHASE OBJECT 30 MILES IN VAIN"

Mitchell Field, N.Y.,Spe 11(UP)--Two air force pilots, Lieutenant Rogers and Captain Ballard, on a flight from Dover AFB, Del., said today they chased a mysterious round flying object--traveling at a speed of about 900 miles per hour--for 30 miles and couldn't catch it. The object described as white or silver-collored moved in an arc from Sandy Hook to Red Bank, N.J., and then headed out to sea at Asbury Park. The U.S. Air Force and Navy have officially said that flying saucers reported previously had been nothing more than weather ballons."This couldn't have been a ballon," Rogers said, "becasue it was descending and no ballon goes that fast." Officials at Mitchell refused to comment.

30 August 1951:

LUBBOCK LIGHTS ON FILM CONFIRMED

Carl Hart Jr. of Lubbock, Texas, took several photographs today of 18 saucers flying in formation. An Air Force Intelligence team, now admitted to be continuing flying saucer investigations, said, "These photos are legitimate." In one, a larger mother-ship could be seen off to one side, apparently controlling the mass flight of the saucers which were in an inverted V formation. Hart released the photographs to Acme and the Air Force.

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August 27, 1951

Dr . W L Ducker, head of the Texas Tech College petroleum engineering department and Dr A G Bert, professor of chemical engineering and Dr W I Robinson, professor of geology, all saw two strange formations hurtling through the sky over Lubbock Texas from horizon to horizon in three seconds. No shock waves were felt, indicating the craft to be in the stratosphere -- 50,000 feet or higher. Speed was 1800 mph if at one mile high -- 18000 if 50,000 feet high. Shape could not be determined, but each gave off glow of light.

September 11, 1951

Lt. Wilbert S Robers, Mitchell Air Force Base, N Y saw a round object speeding about 900 mph over the N J coastline.

Sept. I8, I95I Kansas City Mo.

Mrs Betty McCarty reports seeing two groups of circular objects, one slightly above the other, about I2 miles East of Kansas City. She estimates the lower group had at least I50 and the upper group about 50.

She reports they change color and position with no visible effort, and she heard no motor noise.

September 24, 1951 New York A.P.

White Sands, New Mexico,

J. Gordon Vaeth, U S Navy Aeronautical engineer and Charles B. Moor, Jr, an aerologist engineer saw a white object which was not their balloon. Moore turned the telescope on it and saw an ellipsoid about two and a half times as long as it was wihde. It was gleaming white, but did not have a metallic shine. It was traveling too fast to get a clear focus on the telescope

October 15, 1951: The Denver Post

~~"MORE SAUCERS IN COLORADO"~~ HUMAN TRIANGULATION MEASURES THIS ONE

The flying saucers, long grounded insofar as Colorado is concerned, were aloft again the the lonely skies of the Northern Weld Country. M.G. Foster, operator of a ranch 11 miles northeast of Grover, Colo., reported two members of his family observed a strange object flying low in the sky near sunset on September 27. The cigar-shaped object traveled in a perpendicular position northward until it disappeared in the cloudless skies of Wyoming. ~~It was reported to be very bright colored--white or aluminum, and clearly visible for several minutes.~~

The object was also seen by Foster's son, who was several ~~quite a few~~ miles away and by an unrelated man in Hereford, Colo., twelve miles away.

Oct. 3, 1951   New York Journal American

FOUR REPORT FANTASTIC FLYING BALL

Four northern New York residents claimed today to have seen a fantastic flying ball, powered by a motor driven propeller, land near St. Regis and Hogansburg, then take off and vanish over Massena.

Alex LaFrance, Peter Phillips, and Francis Arquette told Police they saw it land in a field near the Canadian border. They said the sphere took off with a humming noise at about 25 miles an hour. Mrs Angus Cook said the ball landed about 200 yards from her home.

October 3, 1951   The Post-Standard   Syracusen NY

MYSTERIOUS FLYING SPHERE SIGHTED IN NNY STIRS SPECULATION ABOUT FANTASTIC WEAPONS

Hogansburg -- A fantastic flying ball powered by a motor-driven propeller stirred wide speculation in the North Country at 11 a.m. Tuesday after at least four people said they saw the sphere land near St. Regis and Hogansburg then take off and vanish in thin air over Massena. An FBI agent reported he never had heard of an object quite like it. Quick checks with the US Weather Bureau and the CAA appeared to dispel the possibility that the object could have been a weather balloon. US Meteorologist at Syracuse, Andrew P Keller said no object of the type described is used by the departrtment. "Our balloons stay down when they come down," he declared.

Oct. IO, 1951 Terre Haute, Ind.
Zipping again in the sky

Two CAA employees say they saw an oval object fly over Terre Haute yesterday at a speed they estimated at I8,000 miles an hour.

The two are C. W. Sonner, chief of the International Airways Communication of the Civil Aeronautics Administration at the Terre Haute airport and R.L. Messmore, airways operation specialist.

The object appeared at an altitude of about 3,000 feet and disappeared quickly in the sunlit cloudless sky.

Oct. II, 195I Kansas City Mo.

Mrs Betty McCarty reports seeing a large bright object flashing red, green, and white. It was visible from 7:I5 untill II:20. While under her observation the object, unlike other stars moved from South to East.

10/19/51 Frank Aalstead, Duluth, Minn.

Two saucers have been seen near International Falls, Minn. a short time ago. This city is about 150 miles west of Steep Rock.

Oct. 22 1951 Los Angeles, Calif.

SAUCER SIGHTED OVER FREEWAY

Stanley Parker and Robert Cadaret, Industrial art students in industrial design, report seeing a flying saucer over the Hollywood freeway at about 4 P.M.

October 23, 1951

Talked with Chet Swital and discussed the foblow up of the Appleton, Wisconsin. Read him a wire from Gisa (?) Korchmaros of July 29 which said: "HAVE SUCCEEDED IN REPRODUCING APPLETON WIS HAM OPERATOR PHENOMENA STOP WILL AWAIT YOUR REPLY BEFORE OTHERS ARE NOTIFIED STOP. G. KORCHMAROS.

Swital remarked that after all Youngstown Ohio was a littke slow on the draw, for after all, as he knows, and we have known for several years, the Navy has had an alaectronic curtain which went as far as three miles, up and wide, which protected our borders, for the last few years during the last war, War II. This curtain disturbed everything electro-magnetic within that mileage that came inside of the electronic curtain. (See page in Behind FS.) Chet Swital was at that time a newspaperman working for the Chicago Tribune - at the time of the Appleton Wisconsin incident, and went down there - it was roughly in '39 or '40, - and wrote about the boy, and the people around there.

October 18, 1951

Bill Wilks of the United Press called this morning while we were having breakfast and asked if we could help trace down a ham radio operator who it was claimed had a tape recording of signals from operators of a flying saucer. He gave as credentials to this fantastic tidbit the name of Ken Crosson who handles science fiction for the LA Daily News, Johnny Murray, who talks things over in a literary way over NBC and then lost the trail in pursuit of Gerald Heard who seemingly had left for St. Louis.

The story had some of the qualities of one retailed by Chet Swital years ago when he was on the Chicago News (?) Maybe recall this ham operator seemed to foul up every plane that passed over his house and even affected the electro-magnetic devices on automobiles. It was during the war. FBI men swooped down on the kid and ultimately took him and his magic radio and his family to Washington where presumably they are still holed up in the Pentagon, because nobody ever heard of them again.

If anybody hears again of this kid it will be news to me and duly recorded.